Restoring of disconnected Telephones in Delhi

2080. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) number of telephones disconnected in Delhi without any prior notice during the current financial year;

(b) number of telephones restored; how much time has been taken by the Department in restoring these telephone connections; and

(c) total amount earnings of telephone Department during the currnet financial year on this account in Delhi Circle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No. telephone has been disconnected in Delhi without prior notice during the current financial year.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up an oil refinery in Thanjavur

2081. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madras Refineries Limited has sent a proposal to the Central Government for the setting up of an oil refinery in Thanjavur District; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to expedite the approval of the proposed refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Government have asked MRL to prepare a Detailed Feasibility Report for setting up necessary primary facilities for processing the crude produced in the Cauvery Basin. Preliminary estimate of the project cost is Rs. 94 crores. The capacity is to absorb 0.5 MT of crude oil.

Modernisation and Technological upgradation of Glass Industry

2082. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that glass industry has been facing crisis due to its obsolete technology;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government for modernisation and technological upgradation of glass industry; and

(c) how many new ventures have been established with modern technologies during 1987-1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government of India introduced Technical Development Fund (IDF) Scheme in 1976 in order to encourage modernisation and upgradation of technology by existing industrial units including those in the glass industry. The scheme is now available for the import of the following items by existing industrial units for their modernisation and upgradation of technology:—

(a) Capital equipment (all types)

(b) Technical know-how

(c) Technical assistance.

(d) Technical drawings and designs.

(e) Technical consultancy services.

(c) Some existing sheet glass manufacturers have made applications for the manufacture of float glass by modernisation and technological upgradation of their existing units. No. final view has been taken in respect of these applications.